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SUBJ: INFORMAL REMARKS DURING AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION
OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

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1. DURING APRIL 28 CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AT PARLIAMENT BUILDING, AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES MADE FOLLOWING ORAL REPEAT ORAL AND IMPROMPTU STATEMENT TO PAL LOSONCZI, PRESIDENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC:

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM MR. GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITH WHOM I CONFERRED ON MARCH 31. PLEASE ACCEPT BEST WISHES FOR YOUR OWN GOOD HEALTH IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR IMPORTANT DUTIES; AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF HUNGARY AND ITS PEOPLE.

3. LET ME TAKE THIS OCCASION TO THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AS HEAD OF STATE, FOR THE KINDNESSES AND THE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE WHICH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAVE EXTENDED TO ME AND MY FAMILY SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN YOUR COUNTRY ONE WEEK AGO. THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY CON-SONANT WITH THE WARM-HEARTED HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH HUNGARY IS RENOWNED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE, FOR OUR PART, SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO MATCH AND RECIPROCATE THEM IN THE SAME
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FASHION.

4. FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME SAY THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY AUTHORITIES ARE TO PRESERVE AND TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLES. DURING THE TENURE OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN, IN BUDAPEST, AND THAT OF DR. KAROLY SZABO, YOUR ENVOY IN WASHINGTON, ONE CAN NOTE WITH SATISFACTION AND WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE A BROADENING OF RELATIONS AND A DEEPENING OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PEOPLES THEY REPRESENT. TAKING INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVE REALITIES OF THE ERA IN WHICH WE LIVE, THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER ADVANCES CAN BE MADE WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH PEOPLES, FULLY RESPECT THE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF BOTH PARTIES, AND DO NO HARM TO ANY THIRD PARTY. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT, MR. PRESIDENT, AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED TO YOUR ESTEEMED FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. PUJA, THAT I UNDERTAKE MY MISSION IN BUDAPEST.
UNQUOTE

5. PRESIDENT LOSONCZI EXPRESSED HIS THANKS AND INVITED MCAULIFFE TO JOIN HIM, DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY AND INTERPRETER FOR A "PRIVATE TALK." (SEE SEPTTEL)
MCAULIFFE

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